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1. While on duty, source determined on 23 May that Senior Lieutenant Ardyukov (fnu) of the MGB komandatura in Leipzig was attached to a troop unit which was being entrained for the Otterwisch (N 52/W 40) troop training grounds. On 30 May, [redacted] was stationed in Schneeberg. (1)

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2. On 2 June, two trains carrying a total of between 50 and 60 trucks, including [redacted] an undetermined number of pontoons, bridge building equipment and EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia were loaded in Bad Koesen (N 52/J 78). Amphibious vehicles [redacted] which possibly did not belong to the aforementioned shipments, were seen at the station. (2)

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3. At 10 a.m. on 3 June, about 40 engineers were detrained and trucks [redacted] carrying equipment and beams were unloaded at the Jittenberg (N 52/W 37) freight station. Additional trucks, including [redacted] with engineer equipment were unloaded on 4 June. They departed toward Brueckenkopf. (3)

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4. At 11 a.m. on 7 June, a train including 1 coach and 1 boxcar, carrying 1 senior lieutenant, 8 NCOs and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 6 heavy-duty cars, carrying 11 canvas-covered tanks or SP guns and 41 flatcars with sideracks carrying [redacted] new trucks stood at the Weissenfels (N 52/J 99) railroad station. [redacted] that Frankfurt/Oder-border was the dispatching station and Weimar had been inserted in red pencil instead of Fuerstenberg which had been crossed off, as receiving station. (4)

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5. At 9:45 a.m. on 6 June, two trains, each of about 7 boxcars and 45 flatcars and each carrying 20 T-34 tanks, 8 guns of between 80-mm and 100-mm about 6 trucks and about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Heudietendorf railroad station. The two trains were headed toward Eisenach. One train carried two ambulances. About 350 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, all in new uniforms and carrying rucksacks and armed with submachine guns and light machine guns were detrained at the Crawinkel railroad station at 11:30 a.m. [redacted] They marched to the camp in the woods near

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Crawinkel. Seven trucks of the [REDACTED] carrying boxes, supply goods and billeting equipment were unloaded at the Ohrdruf freight station at 9:30 a.m. on 12 June. Residents stated that new units had arrived in Ohrdruf. (5)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The Otterwisch area southwest of Grimma, was also mentioned [REDACTED] in conjunction with practices of elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Grimma. [REDACTED] No other information has hitherto been received on that area. [REDACTED] has been repeatedly observed in Schneeberg and possibly is that of an IBE unit.
- (2) The information confirms that the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army and the 67th Engr Bn (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Bad Koesen moved to the engineer training area of the Eighth Gds Army between Alton and Dessau. See [REDACTED]. Motor vehicles of signal units of which individual details were possibly detached for the engineer practices were observed in addition to engineer motor vehicle [REDACTED].
- (3) The unloading of the trains mentioned again confirms that the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army is in the engineer training area of the army near Wittenberg. [REDACTED] The Brueckenkopf area mentioned [REDACTED] is the area south of the Elbe River near the Brueckenkopf Kaserne.
- (4) The train probably carried new equipment from the U.S.G.A., probably for units of the Eighth Gds Army.
- (5) The two trains seen at the Neudietendorf railroad station may have proceeded toward Misenach or have branched off in Gotha southward toward Ohrdruf. The observation [REDACTED] that troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were unloaded confirms information [REDACTED] that elements of the 88th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned to Crawinkel from Lossa. [REDACTED]. The first two motor vehicle [REDACTED] mentioned confirm the 20th Gds Mecz Div and the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div as stationed in Ohrdruf at present. The motor vehicle [REDACTED] last mentioned belongs to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which, however, is believed stationed in Kindel.

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